

DAOU

RESERVE EYE OF THE FALCON

2022

The Reserve Eye of the Falcon is a signature DAOU cuvée that showcases Winemaker Daniel Daou's mastery of Bordeaux-style blends, which excel in the amenable terroirs of Paso Robles.

The 2022 Reserve Eye of the Falcon belongs to our Reserve Collection, which features allocated wines from DAOU Mountain as well as top vineyards across the Paso Robles AVA. The best fruit from each site is reserved for special winemaking treatment, resulting in wines that display remarkable character and expression.

Wine Profile

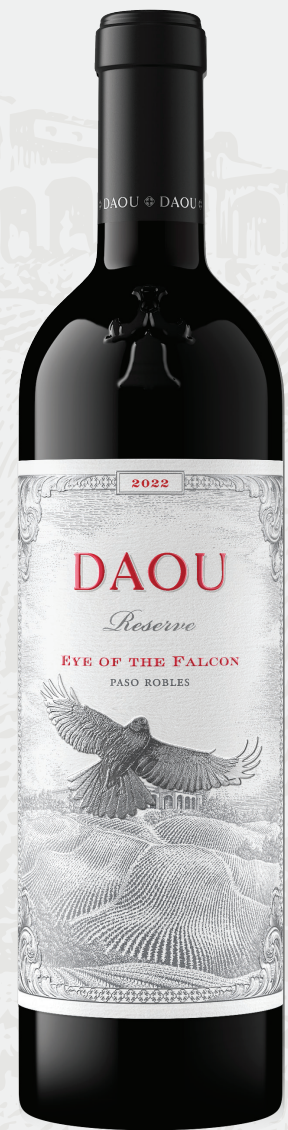
True to form, the 2022 vintage envelops the nose with heady scents of violet, blueberry, black cherry, plum and baking spices, all interwoven with suggestions of fennel herb, jasmine and graham cracker. A bold entry commands the palate with chocolate-covered cherry and white pepper spices. Bright tannins unfurl into a long, integrated finish.

The Vintage

The 2022 growing season was initially marked by winter drought conditions that were alleviated by rains in late March and April—a miracle happenstance that replenished the soils and set the pace for healthy vine canopies to come. A later-than-usual bud break was followed by normal spring and summer weather patterns through August. A sustained 10-day heat wave began in early September, prompting an early harvest that put Daniel's winegrowing ingenuity, artistry and experience to the test. In the end, 2022 was a winemaker's vintage, yielding elegantly powerful and balanced wines that prove the importance of mastering grape growing and winemaking.

The Vineyards

The Paso Robles AVA spans many diverse terroirs with the common benefit of a moderating coastal influence. Warm days are followed by cool marine breezes, creating diurnal temperature swings of up to 50 degrees during the summer growing season. Sustainable farming practices, deficit irrigation and high-density vine plantings combine to foster grapes with natural quality and structure. The fruit is hand harvested at peak physiological ripeness to ensure that it reaches the winery in perfect condition.



Aging

18 months in 50% new French oak

Alcohol %

14.4%

Varietals

57% Cabernet Sauvignon,
42% Petit Verdot,
1% Cabernet Franc

AVA

Paso Robles